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## INTRODUCING THE SHELTON CHRONICLE

It's now official. The new faculty and staff newsletter has a name, THE SHELTON CHRONICLE. Terry Merritt, director of the Travel and Tourism program, will receive the \$10.00 prize for submitting the winning name. Many thanks to the judges, the Publications Committee, and to everyone else who has worked on this project.

A special thanks also goes to Kenneth Roach, a student in the Commercial Art program, and to Angela Laporte, program instructor. Roach, a student from Northport, is responsible for the design of the new logo.

## HAPPENINGS ON CAMPUS

1994 ADOPT-A-SCHOOL WEEK IS  
MARCH 4-13, 1994

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Montgomery continues to be a very active place with battles for education reform continuing and an election year looming. Unless the legislature has a complete change of heart, employees of the Two-Year College System can expect an 8 to 8 1/2 % raise this Fall. Of course, this is tentative at this point and anything can happen.

College officials met with the architectural team and construction managers on Thursday, February 17 to finalize the campus master plan which should be formally submitted to you within the next ten days to two weeks. Two major decisions were made during the meeting. First, the exact location of the main facility, parking spaces, the Fire College, drill field and athletic facilities were finalized. Secondly, the structure design of the new college will be a combination of the mall and linear mall concepts. There were many reasons why this design was selected including cost effectiveness, futuristic needs of a college campus (security, expansion, etc.). Also, the comments from employees of the college were overwhelmingly in support of this concept.

The next step in the planning process is for the architects to begin the schematic design of the buildings. This includes designing the "inside" of the buildings, classrooms, student center, offices, etc. Once the schematics are reviewed and reviewed again, the final drawings of the campus will be completed and construction will begin. Once again, your review and comments will be very important during this design phase.

As you know, the college has negotiated a purchase agreement for the 15th Street Campus property. Everything we do over the next 18 months will be aimed at vacating the 15th Street Campus as soon as possible. Therefore, the first phase of the project will be primarily for the technical programs and the Fire College.

Below is a list of key dates that were given to us by the architects. Please keep in mind that construction dates are always tentative due to weather and other factors.

Feb. 1994	Begin Schematic Design for Technical Programs and Fire College (Phase I).
May, 1994	Site Preparation, grading and drainage work to begin.
May 31, 1994	Schematic Designs, Phase I completed.
June, 1994	Schematics for Phase II, Academic Programs to begin.
June, 31, 1994	External Designs for the building recommended.
June-Sept. 1994	Site-work, curbing, street-work to continue.
Oct., 1994	Schematics for Phase II completed.
Oct., 1994	Final Drawings of Phase I completed, bid period for construction begins.
Nov., 1994	Bid process continues.
Dec., 1994	Construction of Phase I to begin! Note: The foundation for the entire complex may be poured earlier than 12/94.
June, 1995	Design for Phase II completed.
July, 1995	Bid period and construction for Phase II to begin.
Late winter '97	Move academic programs to new site.

These dates are tentative and it will be our goal to move them up, not back. As the construction managers update the calendar of key dates, I will keep you posted.

The total square footage of the new college currently stands at approximately 580,000 square feet. As the schematic design phase goes forward, we will again evaluate our needs in comparison to the money available for the project. Hopefully, cut-backs can be kept at a minimum.

The hard work, dedication and sacrifices you have made during the past few years are making this tremendous project a reality. Thanks again for all you have done and will continue to do on behalf of our college!

Tom Umphrey



## LOCAL FIRMS CHOSEN

In a continuing effort to keep the money being spent on our new campus in the local economy, much consideration is being given to local firms during the pre-construction process. Tuscaloosa Testing Laboratory (TTL) has been chosen to do the soil testing, evaluation and geotechnical engineering. As was announced earlier, the local firms of Hall, Taylor and Perry and N. C. Morgan have formed a joint venture to represent the college as construction manager. In addition, the Tuscaloosa firm of Hankins and Harrison will complete the civil engineering work for the project.

Shelton State's new-campus will have a tremendous economic impact on West Alabama. We will involve as many local and minority firms as possible over the next three years. If you or your colleges in the community have questions about the construction, please contact the President's office.



## TECH PREP CONSORTIUM SIGNS ARTICULATION AGREEMENT

Representatives from the West Alabama Tech Prep Consortium, which was formed several years ago in an effort to implement technical education in the schools of this area, will join forces on Wednesday, March 2, for the signing of an articulation agreement between the secondary schools of West Alabama, local business and industrial leaders, and Shelton State Community College. The ceremony will take place at 7:30 a.m. in the cafetorium on the C. A. Fredd Campus.

The signing of the agreement will serve as the cornerstone of the tech prep project and will kick off fall registration in the schools. Area superintendents, tech prep committee chairs, and Shelton president Tom Umphrey will participate in the signing. With the new articulation agreement, students in area high schools will have the opportunity this spring to sign up for technical courses next fall.

Last year the secondary schools in West Alabama offered technology exploration, applied algebra, and other applied math courses. New tech prep courses scheduled to be offered this year are applied biology, chemistry, and physics for technologies. In 1995 schools will concentrate on communication skills and will offer applied communication courses.

## UMPHREY NAMED 1994 MISS SHELTON STATE

Libby Umphrey, a 17 year-old senior at Central High School and a part-time student at Shelton State, was named Miss Shelton State Community College for 1994 during the school's recent pageant. As Miss Shelton State, Ms. Umphrey will travel to Birmingham June 16-18 to compete for the title of Miss Alabama. For her talent, Umphrey, who is a ballerina, will dance to "Christofori's Dream."

Ms. Umphrey received many gifts and prizes along with a \$500 scholarship she will use to attend Shelton State Community College next fall. Future plans call for her to transfer to Auburn University after completing her studies at Shelton State where she plans to major in veterinary medicine.

## IT'S AN HONOR JOLLY JUDGES MISS AMERICA PRELIMINARY PAGEANTS

Jim Jolly, Humanities Division chair, recently served as a judge for the Miss Judson Pageant, a Miss Alabama preliminary, and the Miss Central Georgia Pageant, a Miss Georgia Pageant preliminary. Dr. Jolly continues to be in demand as a sanctioned judge for Miss America preliminary pageants.

## TWO NEW BIRTHS

The stork visited Shelton State Community College twice in February. Rhonda and Ben Smith are the proud parents of a little girl, Mary Katherine, born February 7. She weighed 8 lbs. 14 ozs. and has a six-year-old sister, Lindsey, at home.

Aaron Henry Jones was born at DCH Northport on February 8 to Loretta and Johnny Jones. Master Jones weighed 7lbs. and 14 ozs. at birth. Congratulations to both families.

## SHELTON FACULTY MEMBERS ATTEND ENGLISH CONFERENCE

Recently Katherine Alexander and Sharon Deck attended the annual meeting of the Southeastern Conference on English in the Two Year College that was held in Charleston, South Carolina. Nationally recognized poet, Donald Hall, gave the opening address. This year's conference featured many sessions on cultural diversity.

## BAILEY TO ATTEND NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON FOOD SERVICE

Elizabeth Bailey, instructor for Commerical Food Service on the C. A. Fredd Campus, will attend a conference in Palm Springs, California on July 17-31, 1994. This conference will meet both program and institutional goals. The conference will focus on technologies for today as well as future trends.

## NEW FACES AND PLACES

The Travel and Tourism program recently added a new employee, Linda Cheronos. Ms. Cheronos received her B. S. degree in hospitality management from Florida State University and her masters degree from Auburn University. At Shelton she will teach several hospitality management classes and will be responsible for the internship program.

Ronnie Rose was recently named dean of human resources and federal programs at Shelton State. Before the Shelton/Fredd merger in 1993, Rose served as administrative head (1990-91) and business management (1973-1990) at Fredd State Technical College. Born in Leeds, Alabama, Rose is a graduate of Alabama State University and has done graduate work at the University of Alabama, Alabama A&M University, and Livingston University.

## REGISTRATION INFORMATION SCHOLARSHIPS FOR SUMMER SEMESTER

Scholarship Award Forms for Summer semester should be sent to Betty Brown in the Financial Aid office on Skyland Blvd. no later than April 14, 1994. Summer semester telephone registration begins on April 18. Students who telephone register must have financial aid to cover their tuition and fees or they must pay their tuition by April 22, 1994. Those who register by telephone and who do not have financial aid, scholarships or have not paid their account, will be purged from the computer on April 22. If you have questions, contact Betty Brown or Don Rainer, 391-2226.

## BROWN NEW DIRECTOR OF TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICES

James M. Brown was recently named the new director of telecommunications services for the college. Formerly, Brown was telecommunications technician and in his new role, he will be responsible for the management of the college's telecommunication system.

Before joining the college, he was a systems technician for AT&T in Tuscaloosa from 1984 until his retirement. Brown attended Shelton State and is currently enrolled in the Stillman College Management Institute and will graduate with a B. A. degree in the fall of 1994.

## TRAVEL AND TOURISM NEWS

Twenty-five additional spaces have been allotted for the trip to Greece this spring. Also, space is still available for the Caribbean cruise planned in August. Call Terry Merritt, 391-2917, if you are interested in either trip.

Travel and Tourism is also planning the 1995 travel schedule. Trips will be held during Spring Break and between each semester. Some of the trips under consideration include another trip to Greece, a cruise to Hawaii as well as one to Alaska. Contact Terry Merritt with ideas for future trips.

## FROM THE OFFICE OF FINANCIAL AID

**DID YOU KNOW THAT 60% OF THE STUDENTS ATTENDING SHELTON STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE RECEIVE SOME TYPE OF FINANCIAL AID?**

Financial aid applications for the 1994-95 academic year are now available. Students who received financial aid in the prior year (93-94) and applied before December 1 should have already received in the mail a renewal application from the U. S. Department of Education. The renewal application is the easiest way to apply for financial aid. Students should, however, wait until they file their 1993 Federal Income Tax returns before completing the application.

Students who did not receive a renewal application may pick up a 1994-95 free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at the Financial Aid office on the Skyland or Fredd Campuses and at the Admissions office on the Fifteenth Street Campus. Additionally, applications are also available from any high school counselor and any public library. Anyone needing assistance with the application may telephone the Financial Aid office, 391-2218, or come by the college for assistance.

## MOUNDVILLE CAMPUS RECEIVES NEW NAME

The Moundville campus will now be known as the Alabama Water Resource and Environmental Training Center.